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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

In the 'Brief Description of the Drawings' section Page 12, replace the first paragraph on page 12 with the following paragraph:

"FIGS. 11a-11d are diagrams of an illustrative subsection of an image for which thresholding techniques have been applied to determine whether to discard a region in the image in accordance with the present invention."